



UB Highlights

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News & Events for February 1-15, 2018

America's Monsters, Superheroes & Villains

Friday, February 9, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

UB's Schelfhaudt Gallery welcomes "America's Monsters, Superheroes and Villains," a truly monstrous exhibition of vintage toys, models, posters, and more. Kids and adults alike are invited to come in costume to this opening reception, which will feature over 130 vintage original toys, posters, advertising materials, television commercials and movie trailers. Curated by SuperMonsterCity! managing director Stephen Rueff, the objects are drawn from David Barnhill's privately-held, original-owner collection of over 200,000 toys and toy-related posters, film and video collected from around the world, making this one of the largest private collections of toys and toy-related memorabilia in America. The exhibition is free to the public and runs through March 18.



Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, February 13, 6 – 8 p.m.

Kenneth A. Graham, Esq. '71, will host the 9th Annual UB Mardi Gras Celebration at the Ukrainian American Club, Lower Hall, 279 Kings Drive in Southport. Free admission includes pies from Frank Pepe Pizzeria, Mardi Gras gifts for all, and New Orleans music! Cash bar. RSVP here: <https://give.bridgeport.edu/MardiGras2018>.

Faculty Research Day

The 2018 Faculty Research Day (FRD) is **Friday, March 23**. Faculty, staff, students (and non-UB guests) who plan to attend must register on-line at <https://frd.bridgeport.edu/>. Faculty members who are serving as poster advisors for students **MUST** register and be approved on the FRD website *prior* to student poster submission. The registration and poster submission **deadline** is **Monday, March 5**. Please direct any questions to frd@bridgeport.edu.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events February 1-15, 2018

Men's Basketball

**Feb. 7 (Wed.), 5 p.m. Dist. Columbia @
Hubbell Gym**

Women's Basketball

**Feb. 7 (Wed.), 7 p.m. Dist. Columbia @
Hubbell Gym**

Academic Advising Center & Student Support Services

The Academic Advising Center (AAC) and Student Support Services (SSS), located on the 5th floor of Wahlstrom Library, offer information sessions and workshops for students. The following will be held in Wahlstrom 500C, from 12:20-1:20 p.m.:

- **Time Management: Tick Tock, the Clock is Ticking!** Tuesday, February 6

Career Development

The Center for Career Development is offering the following events for students. For more information, email careercenter@bridgeport.edu, call 203-576-4466, or visit the Center, Wahlstrom 119 (Garden Level).

Expo Employer Panel: What Recruiters Want.

Thursday, February 1, 12:20-1:20 p.m., Mandeville 107

Career & Internship Expo. Wednesday, February 14, 12-3 p.m., Wheeler Rec Center

UB Community for Innovative Teaching & Advising (CITA)

Faculty Development Hour (FDH) workshops for February are listed below. They will be held from 3–4 p.m. in the CELT room on the 5th floor of Wahlstrom Library. For more information, contact

bkeiser@bridgeport.edu.

- Faculty Research Day Discussion – **Tarek Sobh**, **Wednesday, Feb. 7**
- Education Abroad: Opportunities for Students – **Brandon LaFavor**, **Tuesday, Feb. 13**

IN MEMORIAM

The University is saddened to announce the recent passing of **Dr. Louise M. Soares**, on January 1. Dr. Soares held a variety of roles at UB and was a professor in the School of Education from 1965 to 1992, later returning in a part-time capacity until her retirement in 2013. In 2011, Dr. Soares founded the Soares Institute for Neuroscience and Education at the University of Bridgeport, sharing her lifelong collection with the University community. Dr. Soares was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, **Dr. Anthony Soares**, a long-time professor in the School of Education, from 1965 until his retirement.

Summer Scholars

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the UB Summer Scholars undergraduate research program. The 6-week program, starting in May and running through June, offers students the opportunity to assist faculty mentors with ongoing research while living on campus. Their research experience is enhanced by weekly educational workshops, focusing on the fundamentals of research across academic disciplines, journal clubs to enhance critical thinking and analytic skill, an academic and professional development series on developing a research career, graduate school admissions, and other topics of interest to future scholars, a community engagement project, and the opportunity to attend various on and off campus social and cultural activities.

Information for faculty and students can be found at <http://summerscholars.bridgeport.edu/>. Contact **Jessica Nelson**, director of undergraduate research at jesnelso@bridgeport.edu for more information. Online applications due April 1.

Seed Money Grants

A new Seed Money Grant competition took place in the fall 2017 semester, with four new grants awarded to the following:

- **Abdelshakour Abuzneid**, associate professor of computer science and engineering, for his project, “Dynamic Intrusion Detection System for the Internet-of-Things Using Machine Learning.”
- **Stergios Bibis**, assistant professor of biology, for his project, “Exploring the Effects of Biguanides on the Protozoan Parasite Leishmania.”
- **Cheryl Lyon**, assistant professor of clinical sciences in the College of Chiropractic, for her project, “Pilot Study to Investigate the Role of Polymorphisms in Fatty Acid Desaturase (FADS) Genes in Patients with Chronic Pain.”
- **Isaac Macwan**, research associate for biomedical engineering, for his project, “Bacterial Magnetotaxis for Micro Manipulations through the Interactions of Surface Proteins.”

CPIA News

The following CPIA students and alumni have had their paper proposals accepted for NEPSA 2018:

- **Opeolowa Alao**: “Nigerian Federalism: A Double-Edged Sword to National Development.”
- **Danilo Dos Santos**: “Rebuilding Haiti: The Importance of Accountability in Humanitarian Aid.”
- **Rupa Rai**: “Do Natural Resources Incentivize Corruption? Case Study of Angola and Papua, New Guinea (PNG).”
- **Doha Sabbagh**: “From Exclusion to Radicalization: How Voter Exclusion Affects Support for Radicalization.”
- **Heidi Wiseman**: “The Legacy of Water Accessibility Post-Earthquake-Drought-Hurricane on the Caribbean Island Nation of Haiti.”
- **Aaron Ysaac**: “The Dredging Investment: The Threats of China’s Construction of Artificial Islands in the South China Sea.”

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Sam Joseph, a senior, was selected East Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week on January 9.

Maya Reimers, a sophomore, and **Lauren Ramirez**, a freshman, were named ECAC Division II Gymnast of the Week and Specialist of the Week, respectively, for their outstanding performances in the Purple Knights' dual meet victory at home over Brown University on Sunday, January 21.

Kathryn Doran, a freshman, was named the ECAC Division II Women's Gymnastics Rookie of the Week for her outstanding performance in the Purple Knights' dual meet win over the University of New Hampshire on January 13.

Portfolio Showcase Day

On Nov. 17 of last year, seven undergraduate students presented their leadership portfolios to the UB community. Each student worked with **Rachael Cuttitta**, assistant director of experiential learning and leadership, throughout the semester in order to learn more about themselves as leaders, as well as how to put all of their experiences together to tell their "leadership story." Students chose the format of their portfolios which ranged from slideshows, to posters, to websites. Each portfolio went into detail on the student's leadership experiences, the leadership style and theory they identify with, their personal definition of leadership, and the outcomes of their leadership work.

FACULTY & STAFF

BUSINESS

Philip Maymin, associate professor of analytics and finance, recently had his research on music and the market titled, "How Our Choice in Music Moves the Stock Market (Or Not)," highlighted in *Forbes* magazine. It can be read in its entirety, here: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/financialfinesse/2017/10/24/how-our-choice-in-music-moves-the-stock-market-or-not/#5a3ed2be4999>

UB ONLINE

Lauren Humphrey, assistant director of student advising & communication, published a review of *The Art of Explanation: Making Your Ideas, Products and Services Easier to Understand* for The Global Community for Academic Advising (NACADA). Lauren's review is accessible via NACADA's Book Review site: <https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Book-Reviews/Current-Past-Book-Reviews/The-Art-of-Explanation-Making-Your-Ideas-Products-and-Services-Easier-to-Understand.aspx>

Information Sessions

Register online and find more information about the following in the Events section at www.bridgeport.edu:

Transfer Info. Session

Wahlstrom Library, 6th floor

Wednesday, February 7, 6 – 7 p.m.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Debra Kirouac at UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu.